

CITY COUNCIL KILLS RIVIERA TRACT MAPS FOR 337 HOUSES

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Backers to Take Matter to Court

Proposal of the Don-Ja-Ran Co. to subdivide the 72-acre Louis B. Mayer tract in the Hollywood Riviera area was killed by the City Council Tuesday night at the final hearing on the development.

However, the Council may not be through with the matter, according to Franklin W. Peck, attorney for Louis B. Mayer and the Don-Ja-Ran Co. Peck said yesterday that the company would probably take the matter to Superior Court in an effort to force the city into accepting a tract map which the developers contend is the only sound and practical way to develop the area.

The maps were turned down by the City Council on the motion of Councilman Willis G. Blount after a three-hour hearing which climaxed a series of hearings before city bodies.

Vote Unanimous
Blount's motion recommended that the Council vote to "find that the proposed tentative tract maps for tracts 19305 and 19306 do not conform with the city's subdivision Ordinance No. 437 and with Resolution No. 1935." The vote was unanimous.

The hearing opened before the Council with Attorneys Peck and Donald Armstrong presenting a review of the proceedings which had gone on during the past two months regarding the maps.

In support of their contention that the maps were sound from an engineering standpoint and that the original maps submitted but not filed when Hollywood Riviera was developed 25 years ago were unsound, Peck and Armstrong presented testimony by E. L. Gerkin, office engineer for the Engineering Service Corp.; Donald E. Cotwell, a land planning consultant and former design engineer for the Los Angeles Planning Commission; and Mr. Jordan, president of the Engineering Service Corp.

Speaking in favor of the original plans, which called for streets which were continuations of existing Hollywood Riviera streets and which followed the contour of the land, were several residents of the area whose principal contention was that property values would be lessened if the proposed development was approved.

C. W. Key, member of the community association and on the area's Art Jury, said the consensus of Hollywood Riviera homeowners favored the original plans.

W. A. Garrabrant, president of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn.; Commander William A. Mason, who said he bought his home there after seeing a Life magazine story with photos describing the area as one of the nation's outstanding residential developments; Building Contractor Frank Morris and others spoke out at the hearing to protest the maps as submitted by Don-Ja-Ran.

Experts Testify
Attorney Peck said after the meeting that he and Armstrong

had produced considerable expert testimony at the hearing and that "no one opposing the plan was able to controvert any of the testimony."

Main point of difference between the opposing groups was the manner in which the streets were laid out.

The original maps of the area drawn up around 1929 showed the streets curving around the contours of the sandy hills in the area. These streets were continuations of streets which now run through the Riviera.

The map of the area submitted by Don-Ja-Ran called for the circular streets at the top of the tract only, and with streets running perpendicular to the contours throughout the balance.

Banks Scored
Engineers for the developers testified that 35 and 40-foot banks would be necessary if the original maps were followed. With their plan, a state-stepping of homes would do away with the high banks, they contended.

In denying approval of the maps, the Council was not specific about which sections of the subdivision ordinance and the supplementary Resolution No. 1935 were not being conformed to in the proposal. The ordinance and resolution lay down the standards for street alignments, grades, and other phases of subdividing which were brought out at the hearing.

Following the hearing, the Council adjourned until last night.

City Employee Services Held

An employee of the City of Torrance for many years, Clarence Brown, 56, died Sunday at his home, and funeral services were held yesterday at Stone and Myers Chapel.

Interment followed the Methodist last rites at Inglewood Park Cemetery. Brown lived with his wife, Olea, at 2035 Middlebrook Rd., and was a park employee with the city. He had been in Torrance for 11 years.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bernice Gallagher, of Aberdeen, Tex.; four brothers, Amber and Otis Brown, of Texas; Louis of Fresno and Walker of El Monte, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Ernst, and Inez Poole, both of Torrance; and a grandson, Randall.

Dr. Crawshaw Takes Over As Adult Director

Dr. Marshall R. Crawshaw, coordinator of driver education and training with the Los Angeles City Schools, will replace Dr. Vernon Sheblik as director of adult education for the City of Torrance. Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools for the Torrance Unified School District, announced this week.

Dr. Crawshaw has been associated with the Los Angeles City schools since 1938, with time out during the last war, when he served three years with the Air Force.

Presently Dr. Crawshaw is teaching courses in public safety and accident prevention at the University of Southern California summer sessions, and he also teaches extension courses on the same subjects for the University of California at Los Angeles.

An authority on driver education, Dr. Crawshaw is president of the California Drivers Education Association, and vice-president of the Los Angeles County Drivers Education Association. He has written many articles on his specialty for such publications as the California Secondary Journal, Safety Digest, and the Safety Education magazine.

The new adult director will submit a report to Dr. Hull next week on the advisability of including behind-the-wheel driver instruction in the local adult education program and, if a competent instructor can be hired, the driver's course may be included in the adult curriculum.

Dr. Crawshaw said he is married and has three children, two boys and a girl. The Crawshaw family is presently looking for a home in Torrance, to which they will move from their present residence in South Pasadena.



W. M. HAMMOND
Carbide Plant Officer

Office Manager For New Carbide Plant Announced

The promotion of W. M. Hammond to office manager of Carbide's Torrance plant was announced today by E. J. Fox, superintendent of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company here.

Prior to his new assignment, Hammond served as assistant office manager at the Texas City plant.

Moving up as assistant office manager here will be K. A. Bradley. He formerly was department head of the tabulating division.

A 12-year veteran with Carbide, Hammond started as a property clerk at the Texas City plant in 1941. He was later named accountant, assistant department head, and was named assistant office manager in February, 1945.

A resident of La Marque, he lives at 1206 Lamar Dr. with his wife, Genevieve, and two children, Carol 15, and Mike 11.

Bradley first joined the corporation in 1937 as a clerk for the Linde Air Products Company in Chicago. He went to Texas as an assistant manager of the construction office and later served as secretary to the plant superintendent.

In 1943 he left for the United States Army and was discharged as a master sergeant in 1946.

He returned to Carbide that same year and has served as head of various departments since then.

Walteria Church To Be Scene of 'Boy With Cart'

The Walteria Community Church building project will have added help tomorrow evening as the Bishop's Company, well-known Southern California drama-in-the-church troupe, arrives in that community to portray the 18th century building of a church as told by Christopher Fry in "The Boy with a Cart."

An interdenominational, interracial group sponsored by Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy, the company of players has toured Southern California with success, playing to audiences of 1000 to 2300, and has been a recent feature of Newsweek Magazine.

The play, directed by Broadway writer-director Robin Short, is the story of St. Cuthman of Sussex, England, who built one of the first churches in that area "with his hands and heart and not much more."

Fry, author of the play, has been called the 20th Century Shakespeare, and his writings are recently famous world over. The Bishop's Company is one of the first presenters of his short plays in America, though they are very popular in England and Canada, Bishop Kennedy says.

Seen in the east are radio commentator Howard Culver, child actor Joel Davis, 68-year-old Minna Caldwell, of stage and screen, and other well-known actor faces make up the cast.

The service is set for 7 p.m. at Newton and Ward Sts. The church will seat 210 when completed.



PRESENTING . . . 20 of the 25 lovely candidates for "Miss Torrance of 1953." They are, first row, (left to right) Norma Pierce, Dolores Patronsky, Ann Leo, Johanna Parker, and Frieda Kittrell. Second row, Theresa Simon, Ella Mae McLeod, Mary Ann Notman, and Jo Ann Howard. Third

row, Gall Thompson, Ann Firlit, and Betty Weller. Last row, Karen Dean, Shirlee Salzman, Beverly Dahlin, Shirley Lostlen, Jo Ann Harlan, Aline Sparks, Pat Pierce, and Sandra Lee Constance. Missing are Margaret Epefano, Toni Forella, and Pat Galda.

Trophies Added To Queen Award List

Trophies for the first five girls have been added to the list of prizes this year in the "Miss Torrance" beauty pageant, James Van Dyck, director of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Band, announced yesterday.

A special program of entertainment, featuring professional dancers, singers, and musicians will add to the two-hour program, scheduled for next Tuesday night at 8:15 at the Civic Auditorium.

Prizes include an expense-paid weekend at the Thunderbird Hotel in Las Vegas plus a first-place trophy for the "fairest of them all." To the four runners-up, trophies will be awarded, besides other prizes, which include a \$30 Rose Marie R. bathing suit from the Gay Shop, a pair of DeLiao Deb shoes from Bernard's Family Shoe Store, and an album of popular records from Ray's Appliance.

Entertainment will be provided by Dorothy Stafford, violinist, sister of Jo Stafford, popular singing star; Dorothy Dallas, soprano, star of the South Bay Civic Light Opera Association; their recent musical production, "Dinner at Eight"; Margaret and Caplene Wedding, marimba artists, and a professional dancing act.

Judging the beauty pageant will be Oscar Melnhardt, producer of the Miss Universe Pageant; Paul Masterson, international disc jockey from KPOA; Barbara Blakely, beauty consultant for the Miss Universe Pageant; and Myrna Hansen, Miss USA, and runner-up in the Miss Universe contest, who will also crown the new queen.

Tickets for the annual show can be purchased at the Civic Auditorium box office for \$1.00 from a queen contestant.

One of the contestants, Maureen Monahan, was forced to drop out because of conflict with her work, cutting the list



TOM WATSON AND CLAUDE SHAY
Met 53 Years Ago in Klondike

Klondike Buddies For 53 Years Meet

Two old buddies who met in the Klondike country 53 years ago were talking over old times here yesterday as they were reunited prior to the annual International Sourdough Reunion in Long Beach which opens today.

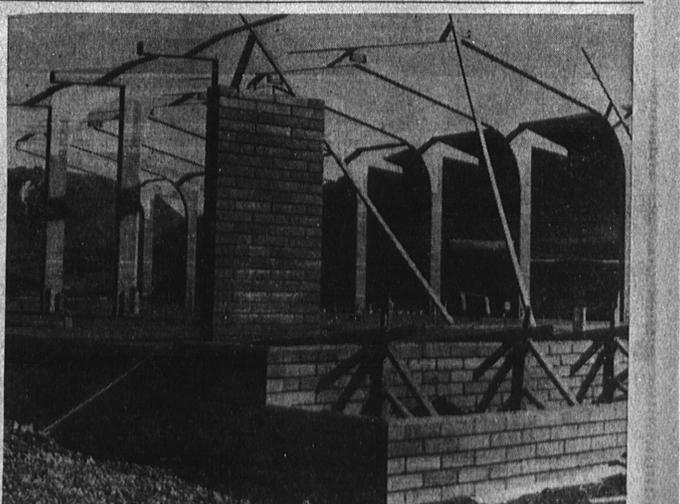
Tom Watson, of 1446 W. 219th St., and Claude Shay, who came down from Mount Vernon,

Calif., for the convention, first met in 1900 when Watson accompanied his father on a prospecting trip out of Nome, Alaska.

Watson, who is president of the Alaska Yukon Club of Los Angeles, and a member of the exclusive Adventurers Club, and a past president of the local American Legion Post, met Shay Tuesday evening.

The local Sourdough first went to Alaska with his father in 1900 and he stayed until he went into the Army in 1917. During that time he was the first newshy up there, taking papers off the ships and selling them for as much as \$1

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ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE . . . The partially completed Walteria Community Methodist Church, Newton and Ward Sts., will be the scene of the play "The Boy With a Cart," which will be performed by the Bishop's Company, Methodist Drama group, in a starlight performance Friday, at 7 p.m. Benches will be provided, but guests are invited to bring camp chairs if they wish, and no admission will be charged, according to the Rev. Gene M. Gehres, pastor. 1000 people saw the play staged at the Redlands bowl last Sunday. Joel Davis, 19 year old screen and radio personality, is a new lead in the play, which was directed and restaged by Robin Short, Broadway writer. Other members of the troupe are Minna Caldwell, Elizabeth Wolfe, George Carlisle, Margaret Seeley, and James Wheaton. The group has accepted engagements in Arizona and San Francisco during the coming season.

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